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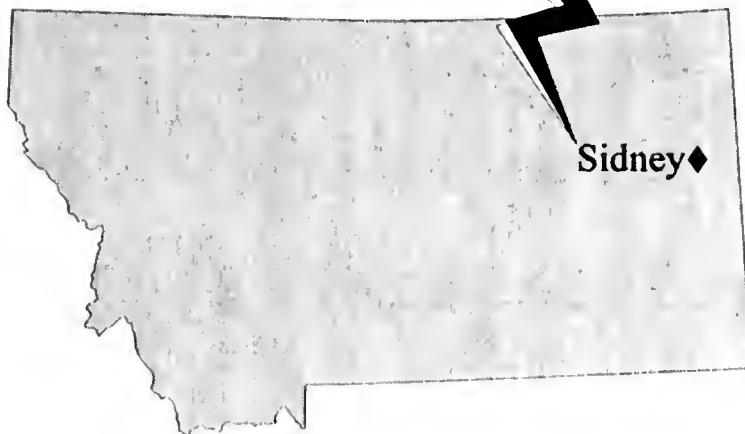
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Richland County



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Richland County

Located in eastern Montana, Richland County is Montana's 18th most populous with 10,716 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Sidney, the county seat, is the state's 14th largest city with a population of 5,217. It's home to the MonDak Heritage Center and Art Gallery, known as one of the best small town museums west of the Mississippi. Anglers can enjoy the border waterways of eastern Montana and western North Dakota and the more than 40 fish varieties, including the exotic paddlefish, which can top 150 pounds.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1914 and was named to bring settlers to the area. The authors say Sidney was named after the son of a pioneer family, Sidney Walters.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Richland County households in 1989 was \$23,264. The county is 2,103.1 square miles in area; 2,084.2 square miles in land area and 18.9 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 1.8 degrees above in January to a maximum of 86 degrees above in July. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the January temperature of 1.8 degrees makes Sidney one of the coldest places in Montana. The *Montana Almanac* shows the annual precipitation in 1995 was 15.58 inches and the length of the growing season 117 days.

Richland County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Richland County	10,191	10,230	10,716	-4.9%	-4.5%
Fairview	Not Available	842	869	Not Available	-3.1%
Sidney	Not Available	4,971	5,217	Not Available	-4.7%

1997 New Businesses by Industry

Richland County

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Businesses
1	Agricultural Production-Crops	4
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13	Oil & Gas Extraction	2
58	Eating & Drinking Places	2
73	Business Services	2
88	Private Households	2
2	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	1
34	Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery & Transportation Equipment	1
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	1
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	1
64	Insurance Agents, Brokers & Service	1
75	Auto-Repair Services	1
81	Legal Services	1
83	Social Services	1
99	Not Yet Classified	1
TOTAL		28

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

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New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.

Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Top 10 Private Employers In Richland County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Bob's Pickup & Delivery County Market Franz Construction Holly Sugar Corporation	Lalonde Hotel McDonald's Mitchell's Oil Field Service	Sidney Health Center Sidney Millwork Company Superpumper 23
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

First Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Richland County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	3,616	3,487	129	3.6%
1971	3,512	3,361	151	4.3%
1972	3,758	3,614	144	3.8%
1973	3,879	3,731	148	3.8%
1974	4,118	3,971	147	3.6%
1975	4,316	4,149	167	3.9%
1976	4,554	4,389	165	3.6%
1977	4,611	4,445	166	3.6%
1978	5,125	4,977	148	2.9%
1979	5,494	5,390	104	1.9%
1980	6,203	6,062	141	2.3%
1981	7,826	7,645	181	2.3%
1982	7,709	7,125	584	7.6%
1983	7,422	6,639	783	10.5%
1984	7,391	6,975	416	5.6%
1985	7,149	6,670	479	6.7%
1986	6,628	5,940	688	10.4%
1987	6,109	5,590	519	8.5%
1988	6,152	5,693	459	7.5%
1989	5,359	4,972	387	7.2%
1990	5,322	4,990	332	6.2%
1991	5,340	4,947	393	7.4%
1992	5,459	5,047	412	7.5%
1993	5,391	5,003	388	7.2%
1994	5,542	5,243	299	5.4%
1995	5,397	5,086	311	5.8%
1996	5,413	5,110	303	5.6%
1997	5,507	5,220	287	5.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex			
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data			
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	4,947	2,904	2,043
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations			
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	817	408	409
Professional Specialty Occupations	318	208	110
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations			
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	499	200	299
Sales Occupations			
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,188	403	785
Service Occupations			
Private Household Occupations	129	50	79
Protective Service Occupations	535	272	263
Administrative Support Occupations, Except Protective and Household	524	81	443
Farming, Forestry, Fishing			
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	728	151	577
Mechanics and Repairers	675	578	97
Construction Trade	696	663	33
Extractive Occupations	242	242	0
Precision Production Occupations	184	182	2
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers			
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	133	133	0
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	137	106	31
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	815	685	130
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience			
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	211	182	29
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	354	314	40
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	250	189	61
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	28	16	12

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2895.

Resources

⇒ Chambers of Commerce:

Fairview Chamber, P. O. Box 374, Fairview, MT 59221, 406-747-5203
Sidney Chamber, 909 S. Central Ave., Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-1916

⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

Sidney Job Service
211 N. Central, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-1204

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>.

⇒ Housing Costs:

Gateway Board of Realtors, 406-482-4480

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Crane and Fairview Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing
Sidney—Courthouse, 406-482-2378

⇒ Newspaper:

Sidney Herald-Leader, 310 Second Ave. N.E., Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-2403

⇒ Public Library:

Sidney Public Library, 121 Third Ave. N.W., Sidney, MT 59270-4098, 406-482-1917

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Brorson Elementary, HCR 89, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-3638
Fairview Public Schools, P.O. Box 467, Fairview, MT 59221, 406-747-5265
Lambert Public Schools, Box 260, Lambert, MT 59243, 406-774-3333
Rau Elementary, HC 57 Box 4030, Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-1088
Savage Public Schools, Box 110, Savage, MT 59262, 406-776-2317
Sidney Public Schools, 121 Fifth St. S.W., Sidney, MT 59270, 406-482-4080

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Richland County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1997

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	442	3,650	\$79,022,882
PRIVATE BUSINESS	408	3,184	\$64,380,361
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISHING	9	30	\$512,718
Agriculture Services	6	6	\$158,843
MINING	34	282	\$9,798,917
Oil & Gas Extraction	33	271	\$9,309,751
CONSTRUCTION	46	208	\$4,678,294
General Building	10	52	\$978,870
Heavy Construction	9	65	\$2,245,473
Special Trade	27	70	\$1,453,951
MANUFACTURING	11	391	\$9,734,705
Printing-Publishing	3	33	\$416,314
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	31	213	\$7,664,709
Local Transportation	5	12	\$77,978
Trucking-Warehousing	11	107	\$4,246,235
Air Transportation	3	10	\$178,229
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	8	58	\$2,425,816
WHOLESALE TRADE	30	208	\$4,086,651
Durable Goods	13	85	\$1,914,537
Non durable Goods	17	123	\$2,172,114
RETAIL TRADE	97	904	\$10,288,320
6ldg Materials-Garden	7	42	\$732,141
General Merchandise	4	58	\$876,184
Food Stores	6	137	\$1,849,076
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	15	146	\$2,818,771
Apparel & Accessories	6	17	\$105,100
Furniture Stores	7	43	\$670,478
Eating & Drinking	34	396	\$2,833,691
Miscellaneous Retail	12	83	\$1,002,981
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	28	116	\$2,613,899
Banking	5	81	\$1,457,575
Insurance Agents	8	25	\$408,056
Real Estate	6	13	\$203,438
SERVICES	115	827	\$14,990,411
Hotels & Lodging	4	36	\$239,120
Personal Services	7	35	\$705,433
Business Services	8	15	\$303,550
Auto Repair Services	13	33	\$662,867
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7	15	\$213,360
Motion Pictures	3	18	\$108,291
Amusement & Recreation	6	32	\$250,075
Legal Services	10	28	\$599,946
Social Services	7	48	\$582,918
Membership Organizations	6	28	\$205,203
Engineering Services	15	65	\$1,860,614
Private Household	3	5	\$80,410
GOVERNMENT	36	666	\$14,642,521
State	10	37	\$961,145
Local	17	581	\$11,353,430
Federal	9	68	\$2,327,946

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Totals may not add due to rounding

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Richland County	\$3,635	\$9,346	\$13,676	\$14,235	\$15,637	\$16,574	\$16,124	\$16,633	\$17,810
% of National Average	89%	93%	71%	72%	76%	78%	73%	71%	73%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1998

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Richland County
1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,352	871	3	1	21	12	4	1	35	20	11	8
12-14	557	270	0	0	13	7	1	0	19	11	6	3
15-17	529	256	0	0	9	7	1	1	17	6	8	2
18-21	377	179	0	0	8	2	2	1	20	15	10	8
<i>Total</i>	2,815	1,376	3	1	61	28	8	3	91	52	35	21

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	7,522	3,622	1	0	85	45	15	10	156	81	77	35
16-64	8,114	3,035	1	0	77	42	15	10	134	72	64	30
18+	7,164	3,657	1	0	79	41	14	9	145	77	72	33
18-64	5,756	2,870	1	0	71	38	14	9	123	68	59	26

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	843	404	0	0	18	8	5	2	24	15	5	3
5-17	2,438	1,197	3	1	43	26	8	2	71	37	25	13
18-44	3,849	1,879	1	0	62	33	12	7	101	55	49	23
45-64	1,907	991	0	0	9	5	2	2	22	13	10	5
65+	1,709	941	0	0	6	3	0	0	23	10	14	6
<i>Total</i>	10,445	6,258	4	1	140	75	25	13	240	129	102	49

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59820, 406-444-2896.

County of Residence		# Who Work in Richland County	County of Work	# Who Live in Richland County
Out of State		176	Out of State	182
Dawson County		70	Dawson County	26
Fergus County		16	McCone County	17
Missoula County		14	Richland County	4,147
Richland County		4,147	Roosevelt County	75
Roosevelt County		30	Sheridan County	13
Wibaux County		11	Yellowstone County	15
Other Montana Counties		23	Other Montana Counties	27

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.